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SUBJECT: IAF ASSISTANCE TO ANDA

FROM AMBASSADOR

PLEASE PASS TO IAF

REF: STATE 125305

1. AS YOU MAY EXPECT, I WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED BY RESPONSE IN REFTEL STATING THAT IAF WOULD BE VERY DISPOSED TO CONSIDER FUNDING ANDA PROJECT LATER WHEN ARTISANS ARE RUNNING ORGANIZATION (BUT WHEN CONSEQUENTLY NEED FOR ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE AS CRITICAL). THIS DECISION DEPRIVES ANDA OF ASSISTANCE WHEN IT COULD DO MOST TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ARTISANS TO BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER AND LEARN ENOUGH ABOUT ORGANIZING AND ADMINISTERING TO BE ABLE TO RUN THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION LATER. IF ALL PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO SAME STRICT CRITERIA OF HELPING ONLY ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY FULLY CONTROLLED BY BENEFICIARIES, I WONDER HOW MANY PROJECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN ASSISTED AND HOW WELL THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT. FURTHERMORE, IF ANDA REALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AS WORTHWHILE AND PROJECT TO BE VIEWED AS POSITIVELY AS STATED REFTEL AND IF THERE WERE REAL INTEREST IN HELPING, THEN EFFORTS OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE WOULD AND COULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED MORE TO WORKING WITH THE SPONSORS AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES TO HELP DEVELOP MORE REALISTIC WAYS IN WHICH THE PROJECT COULD BE REORGANIZED TO BENEFIT FROM IAF ASSISTANCE NOW.

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BUT PERHAPS THIS IS NEITHER TIME, PLACE, NOR MANNER TO

DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER AND, IN ANY CASE, I HAVE NO PRESENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION NOW WILL DO ANY GOOD. SO I AM PREPARED TO LET THE MATTER DROP FOR TIME BEING. PERHAPS IN DUE COURSE IAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL FIND TIME TO REEXAMINE THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS REALLY ACCOMPLISHING PURPOSES AND DOING THE GOOD WHICH CONGRESS, IN CREATING IT, INTENDED.

2. MEANWHILE, IN FULL RESPECT OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION OF IAF, MISS HARTFIEL HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE FOUNDATION'S RESPONSE AND HAS BEEN LEFT FREE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT SHE KNOWS TO BE THE PREFERENCES, PREDILECTIONS, AND PROCEDURES OF IAF WITH REGARD TO THIS AND ANY OTHER CASE IAF MIGHT PRESENTLY BE CONSIDERING IN COSTA RICA.

3. FINALLY, I HOPE THAT THE POLITICALLY DISINTERESTED, IMAGINATIVE AND ACTIVE PERSONS WHO ARE TRYING TO GET ANDA ORGANIZED AND FUNCTIONING IN THE INTEREST OF AND WITH THE GROWING PARTICIPATION OF THE ARTISANS WILL FIND SOME OTHER SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE NOW WHEN IT IS MOST BADLY NEEDED. ALTERNATIVELY, ANDA'S POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES AND THE COMMUNITY ARE LIKELY TO GAIN LITTLE ECONOMICALLY OR ARTISTICALLY BUT ARE CERTAIN TO BECOME MORE DISILLUSIONED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EVER RECEIVING TIMELY ASSISTANCE FROM PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.
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